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CHAPTER 157

AN ACT to amend 29.60 (1), (2) (intro. par.) and (3) (intro. par.) of the statutes, relating to bounties on wild animals.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:

29.60 (1), (2) (intro. par.) and (3) (intro. par.) of the statutes are amended to read:

29.60 (1) Any person who * * * kills any * * * coyote cub between March 1 and September 1 next following shall be entitled to a reward of \$10, or any mature * * * coyote at any time \$20, or any wildcat \$5, * * * to be paid out of the state treasury under s. 20.280 (4); any person who * * * kills any red or gray fox kit between March 1 and September 1 next following shall be entitled to a reward of \$1, or any mature red or gray fox at any time \$2.50, to be paid out of the state treasury under s. 20.280 (4). At the end of each fiscal year the conservation fund shall reimburse the general fund for one-half of all bounties paid for red fox or gray fox under this subsection during such fiscal year. Where a * * * coyote or fox while being chased by dogs belonging to one person is killed by another person, the bounty shall be divided equally between such persons. There shall be no payment made on unborn pups or kits.

(2) (intro. par.) Any person claiming such reward shall exhibit the carcass entire with hide attached to the nearest conservation warden or county clerk within 5 days after the killing thereof, and any person presenting a * * * coyote or fox for bounty shall upon the demand of any conservation warden or county clerk show where such * * * coyote or fox was killed or trapped, or any den that the said * * * coyote or fox was taken from, and furnish any other information concerning the capture of such animal that the conservation warden or county clerk might request. Every person claiming a reward under this section shall sign and deliver to the said warden or county clerk in the presence of 2 subscribing witnesses a statement in substantially the following form: The warden or county clerk shall immediately forward this statement to the conservation commission.

(3) (intro. par.) Thereupon said conservation warden or county clerk shall punch both ears of said animal and shall slit full length the inside of the right hind leg, and may issue a certificate to the claimant in the following form. Said certificate shall be rendered to the state conservation commission at Madison for payment within 10 days from date of issue. No certificate shall be issued on presentation of the hide of any wild animal separated from the carcass, nor shall any certificate be issued on a carcass on which the ears have been punched or the leg slit as provided. Nor shall a certificate be issued unless the conservation warden or county clerk is positive that it is the carcass of a * * * coyote, wild cat * * or fox.

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